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The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
for the District Delaware
844 North King Street
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Re: **Dobrich, et al. v. Walls, et al.,**
Civil Action No. 05-120-JJF

Dear Judge Farnan:

I wanted to report to the Court that at a special meeting last night, February 27, 2006 the Indian River School Board voted not to accept the settlement proposal which had been developed during the mediation process. At this time there is not a pending counterproposal.

Mr. Balaguer (who is out of town until Monday) and I nonetheless want to commend the tireless efforts of Magistrate Judge Thyng in working with the parties and counsel over these months. Although the mediation has not achieved a resolution of the case, we have greatly appreciated her diligence, patience, creativity and good humor throughout the process.

Sincerely,



John F. Cafferky

cc: Hon. Mary Pat Thyng, U.S. Magistrate Judge
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